(c) Refining of intelligence machinery is a continuous process for developing a preventive, protective and consequent management capabilities against terrorism.

Proposal for National Programme on Independent Mini Bio-mass Power Plants

827. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency has mooted a proposal for national programme on independent mini bio-mass power plants of 1 MW each at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore per plant on a pilot scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the proposals of IREDA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, a draft proposal was mooted by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency for establishment of independent mini biomass power plants of 1 MW capacity at a cost of Rs. 3 crore per plant. The objective of the proposal was to promote decentralized grid-connected power generation utilizing surplus biomass material in the rural areas based on biomass gasification technology.

(c) to (e) Under the National Biomass Gasifier programme, suitable provisions exist for the establishment of such mini biomass power plants upto 1 MW capacity in the stand-alone or grid-connected mode based on biomass gasification technology. Central Financial Assistance is available for the establishment of such power plants. A number of mini biomass power plants have already been installed in various parts of the country.